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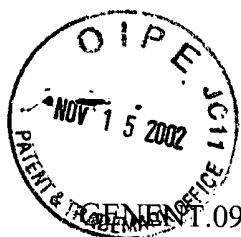
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on September 10, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application, please enter the following amendment and consider the following arguments.

In the Claims:

- Please cancel claims 6, 7, 10-12, 17, 19, 29, and 35-52, without prejudice.
- Please amend claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 13, 16, 23, 27, 32, and 33 to read as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A conjugate consisting essentially of an antibody fragment covalently modified by one or two nonproteinaceous polymer molecules at a free sulfhydryl group of a cysteine residue within the hinge region of the antibody fragment, wherein (a) the apparent molecular weight of the conjugate, as determined by size exclusion chromatography, is at least about 500 kD, and (b) the average actual molecular weight of each nonproteinaceous polymer molecule is at least 20 kD.